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1. The current developments in Yugoslav-Soviet relations do not come as a surprise. Ever since normalization got into full swing and the Soviet Ambassador's frequent visits to Tito were observed, reports have been current that Tito had agreed to absolute neutrality as the price for normalization. The forthcoming visit of the USSR delegation was kept secret until the United States had agreed to give Yugoslavia more wheat, and timed to strengthen the USSR's hand at the Four Power Conference.
2. All Tito's actions since normalization point towards his neutrality, except for statements intended to secure American aid. All propaganda organs have allegedly become covertly anti-American since the Soviet Ambassador started seeing Tito.
3. Tito expects United States military assistance to be cut off since he has publicly declared that Western military aid amounts to little, and the Yugoslavs are now able to manufacture their own heavy armament.
4. The presence of Mikoyan on the Soviet delegation means a major trade agreement with the Soviets which will include materials formerly blocked by the Battle Act, since neutrality would not permit shipments of such items West without also shipping them East. The Yugoslav public believes that their government is already stockpiling meat

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for shipment to the USSR as happened prior to the 1948 break, since there is a meat shortage and prices are rising. The indemnity for Yugoslav losses as a result of the 1948 blockade will be no obstacle in the negotiations, the joke around Belgrade being that the United States has already paid the indemnity.



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